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Hi Anne,

I'm writing on deadline about the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's lawsuit over the Aquila Back Forty mine in Michigan. The tribe's attorney says the EPA at first declined to talk after the 60-day notice was filed, citing administrator Pruitt's "sue and settle" directive, and later made a vague offer to discuss some small part of the tribe's concerns but never followed through after the tribe said it required full consultation. Is that an accurate description of what happened?

Thanks,

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